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Seeking asylum

The queue is long
like a train serpentine,
crawling in silence
at the borders;
the faces, all vacant
like scraps of humanity
littered away,
forgotten by destiny.

Whiplashed by laws,

life is but a crime scene
tracing detailed fingerprints
of pain.

Scanning an entire life
bending it with
whimsical pressure of
the bureaucratic thumb.

And all the while
the blue digits on the arm
scream: You're only a number.
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